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FREAKS OF THE ALMANAC MAKER.

CURIOUS LORE DISSEMINATED BY THE OLD-TIME HOUSEHOLD ALMANAC—GROTESQUE PROPHECIES, QUAIN ANECDOTES AND RUDE WOOD-CUTS OF THESE RELICS OF COLONIAL AND EARLY REPUBLICAN TIMES—A TIME-STAINED COLLECTION.

The history of almanacs, should it ever come to be written, ought to prove both interesting and amusing. The curious nature of these publications, the seriousness with which their authors took themselves, and the credulity of the public which accepted their predictions for gospel truth, are all matters for shrewd comment.

In the possession of the writer is a large and varied collection of old almanacs, chiefly American, and extending back to a period far anterior to the revolution. They are yellow, with yellowed and discolored, certainly miniature of the ephemeral literature to which they belonged. The hands that hold and dust them since, but these little brown pamphlets remain to amuse collectors with the quaint conceits and simple vanities of our forefathers.

A WORD ABOUT ALMANACS.

The word "almanac" comes from the Arabic "Al Meneh," meaning "the annual." Prior Roger Bacon, of the fourteenth century, is said to have first used it in his "Magnum Opus," and admitted that the earliest printed almanac was that of the astronomer and astrologer, Ptolemy, published at Vienna in 1482. Continual almanacs were first introduced by the French in 1615, and to the present day, the almanac is an essential part of these publications. In England, until 1770 almanacs were the monopoly of the Stationers' company, and almanacs, therefore, were invariably sold by the bookseller.

The earliest American almanac was published at Philadelphia in 1687 by William Bradford. It was a small, plain, and popular work of its kind until in 1772 Benjamin Franklin's famous Poor Richard's Almanac began to appear. It was a success, and other notable old almanacs of colonial America and the United States were published. The "North American Almanac" and "The Connecticut Almanac" were published at Hartford, the Connecticut Almanac at Hartford, the Connecticut Almanac at Hartford.

ROGER SHERMAN'S ALMANAC.

It may be of interest to glance through one of the most interesting and quaint of the old almanacs, or "almanacs," now at the writer's elbow. It is a copy of the "North American Almanac," published at Hartford, Conn., in 1772. It is a small, plain, and popular work of its kind until in 1772 Benjamin Franklin's famous Poor Richard's Almanac began to appear. It was a success, and other notable old almanacs of colonial America and the United States were published. The "North American Almanac" and "The Connecticut Almanac" were published at Hartford, the Connecticut Almanac at Hartford.

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NOTES FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

The revenue of Newfoundland for the first six months of the fiscal year exceeds that for the same period of the previous year by \$100,000.

The lighting of certain of the London prisons by electricity is under consideration, and it is proposed to erect a special description of tread wheel to supply the motive power.

A few weeks ago the German firm of Friedrich Krupp presented \$10,000 to the workers' pension fund of their works, and now a further donation of \$25,000 has been made to the fund for the widows and orphans of their officials.

As an example of the condition to which corn land in England has fallen, the Farnbridge estate of 763 acres, near Rochford, 40 miles from London, valued in 1872 at \$30,000 and on which an insurance company advanced \$20,000 in mortgage, has been within the last few days sold for \$2,250.

For the twelfth time in succession the prince of Wales has been nominated for the office of grand master of English Mark Masons. His royal highness has in the past discharged the duties of this high office with admirable tact and taste, and it is a matter of pride with the craft that he has been so long associated with it.

Tragedy.

I see the horror in her eyes, Her dreadful screams voice loud her wrongs. And all because she once more tries To curl her hair with red-hot tongs. —Pittsburg News.

Non-Conductive Glass.

Railway Review: A peculiarity of a new variety of window glass devised by a Vienna inventor is its non-conductivity for heat rays. It is stated that a light of glass one-quarter of an inch thick absorbs 81 to 100 per cent of the heat striking it, in contrast to plate glass, which absorbs only about 5 per cent. This glass is to give us a window which will keep our dwellings warm in winter and cool in summer and be especially adapted to skylights, etc., and also to blue glass spectacles for the use of furnace men. The peculiar conducting power of ordinary glass would seem to render some of the claims for the new glass an impossibility. If we stand by a window on which the sun shines we may feel the warmth of the sun,

An Invalid For Years.

Vernal, Utah, Dec. 6, 1896. "I have been an invalid for nearly three years, but since I have been taking Hood's Sarsaparilla I have gained in health very rapidly. Before I took this medicine I was not able to work, but now I can do a good day's work. I believe Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine that can be obtained."



SIR WILLIAM VERNON HARCOURT, WHO WILL PROBABLY BE CHOSEN TO LEAD THE LIBERALS

but if we touch the window it is bound to be cold. If a pane of glass is now placed between an observer and a fire it will screen him from the heat, but it will become rapidly heated itself. In the first case it transmitted most of the heat, and in the latter it absorbed it. Plate glass may absorb but 5 per cent of sun heat, but it absorbs 94 per cent from a source of 400 degrees. Glass transmits the luminous heat rays and absorbs the non-luminous, and this is why a light, sunshiny room is so warm in winter. The glass transmits the heat of the sun and absorbs the heat of the fire.

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INFANTS' Long Dress of Fine Nainsook, Yoke of Tucks and Openwork Embroidery, Very Full Sleeves, Neck and Sleeves Edged with Fine Embroidery Ruffle, Finished in Herringbone Braid, 4-inch Deep Hem on Skirt, Headed with Tucks; value \$1.75, at 90c.

INFANTS' Long Dress, Yoke of Fine Tucks and Insertion, Embroidery Ruffle Over Shoulders, Very Full Sleeves, Neck and Sleeves Edged with Embroidery, Trimmed in Herringbone Braid; value \$2.25, at 1.25.

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